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1. THE FOLLOWING IS POST'S SUBMISSION FOR SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL.

2. GENERAL - GOOD PROGRESS WAS MADE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD (APRIL-SEPTEMBER 1982) IN IMPLEMENTING EXISTING PROJECT AGREEMENTS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PROW/AG'S WITH PERUVIAN CUSTOMS AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. PERUVIAN POLICE AUTHORITIES CHARGED WITH INTERDICTING ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC WERE ACTIVE, SEIZING FROM APRIL THROUGH SEPTEMBER A REPORTED TOTAL OF 35.7 METRIC TONS OF COCA LEAVES, 2514.7 KGS OF COCA PASTE, 31.2 KGS OF COCAINE, 213.7 KGS OF MARIJUANA, 7243.4 KGS OF PRECURSOR CHEMICALS, AND 92 JUNGLE LABS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF COCA PASTE, WHILE ARRESTING AN ESTIMATED 2900 SUSPECTS. ATTEMPTS BY PRO-COCA LEGISLATORS IN THE CONGRESS TO REPEAL IMPORTANT CLAUSES IN EXISTING COCA CONTROL LEGISLATION WITH THE GOAL OF LEGALIZING COCA LEAF PRODUCTION IN THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY WERE KEPT BOTTLED UP IN COMMITTEE DUE LARGELY TO THE LOBBYING EFFORTS OF THE FISCAL DE LA NACION, ORTIZ DE ZEVALLOS. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, ORTIZ DE ZEVALLOS ALSO WAS A KEY FIGURE IN PROMOTING A PROPOSAL ADOPTED IN ECOSOC TO ESTABLISH A REGIONAL UN NARCOTICS OFFICE IN LIMA.

3. UMOPAR (RURAL MOBILE POLICE UNIT OF THE GUARDIA CIVIL)

PROJECT - SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS WAS REALIZED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD TOWARD THE GOAL OF EXPANDING UMOPAR'S PRESENCE OUTSIDE THE IMMEDIATE TINGO MARIA REGION INTO REMOTER PARTS OF THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY. SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDED:

AN INCREASE IN UMOPAR MANPOWER LEVEL FROM 120 TO 150.
IMPROVED RADIO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN UMOPAR HEADQUARTERS IN TINGO MARIA AND LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY THANKS TO THE INSTALLATION OF A RADIO REPEATER STATION.
THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL VEHICLES TO UMOPAR, AND
THE COMPLETION OF A PARKING AND MAINTENANCE CENTER FOR UMOPAR'S FLEET OF VEHICLES TO IMPROVE MAINTENANCE AND DECREASE VEHICLE DOWN TIME.

DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, A CONTRACT WAS SIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION GOT UNDERWAY FOR ADDITIONAL BARRACKS AND A WATER TOWER WHICH WILL ENABLE UMOPAR TO REACH ITS ULTIMATE MANPOWER GOAL OF 300. A NEW PROW/AG WAS SIGNED WITH THE GOP ON AUGUST 5 AIMED PRIMARILY AT COMPLETING THE FACILITIES REQUIRED TO EXPAND UMOPAR'S PRESENCE AND ENFORCE MORE EFFECTIVELY PERU'S LAWS GOVERNING COCA PRODUCTION.

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4. UPPER HUALLAGE COCA ERADICATION - THE GOP'S COCA CONTROL AND REDUCTION ORGANIZATION WAS ESTABLISHED APRIL 22. AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SECONDED FROM THE AGRICULTURE MINISTRY, AND STAFF ELEMENTS HAVE BEEN NAMED. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE EMBASSY'S NAU, PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR SHIFTING THE PROJECT'S OPERATIONS TO THE UPPER HUALLAGE VALLEY, BUT THIS HAS BEEN COMPLICATED BY A SEVERE SHORTAGE OF OFFICE SPACE IN TINGO MARIA. THE AID-SUPPORTED UPPER HUALLAGA AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT DESIGNED TO COMPLEMENT THE COCA CONTROL AND REDUCTION PROJECT ALSO GOT UNDERWAY DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. FIFTY-SIX PERSONNEL ARE ALREADY WORKING FOR THE PROJECT, AND A MODEST TERRACING PROJECT TO DEMONSTRATE ALTERNATE CROP PRODUCTION ON HILLSIDES FORMERLY DEDICATED TO COCA CULTIVATION IS UNDERWAY WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM NAU FUNDS. THE GOP DEMONSTRATED ITS SUPPORT FOR REDUCING THE UPPER HUALLAGA'S DEPENDENCE ON COCA PRODUCTION BY PROVIDING A LOAN TO THE LARGEST COOPERATIVE IN THE REGION TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CACAO PROCESSING PLANT IN TINGO MARIA. IN A RELATED AREA, THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF THE JUNGLE (UNAS), UNDER ITS AGREEMENT WITH NAU, CONTINUED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD TO CONDUCT COURSES IN ALTERNATE CROP PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES AND PROVIDE DIRECT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL FARMERS IN THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO SWITCH FROM COCA PRODUCTION.

5. GUARDIA CIVIL ANTI-DRUG UNIT (DIPOD) - DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD DIPOD CONDUCTED GENERAL DRUG TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR A TOTAL OF 120 OFFICERS IN PROVINCIAL CITIES AN SPECIALIZED RADIO MAINTENANCE COURSES FOR FOURTEEN OFFICERS AS PART OF ITS CONTINUING PROGRAM TO INCREASE THE GUARDIA CIVIL'S CAPACITY TO COMBAT DRUG TRAFFICKING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. A NEW PROW/AG WAS SIGNED ON SEPTEMBER 21 PROVIDING INTER ALIA FOR INCREASED ASSISTANCE TO GUARDIA CIVIL UNITS IN THE MAJOR DRUG TRANSIT AREAS OF IQUITOS AND LA LIBERTAD. LA LIBERTAD IS ALSO A COCA PRODUCING REGION.

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6. PERUVIAN INVESTIGATIVE POLICE (PIP) - A NEW PROW/AG WAS SIGNED WITH THE PIP ON AUGUST 12 PROVIDING AMONG OTHER THINGS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT IN JANUARY 1983 OF A NEW SPECIAL 30 MAN ORUG UNIT IN JUANJUI AT THE NORTHERN END OF THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY. THIS UNIT TOGETHER WITH EXPANOING UMOPAR COVERAGE AT THE SOUTHERN ENO OF THE VALLEY AT TINGO MARIA WILL INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY GOP INTERDICTION CAPABILITIES. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD THE PIP AOOED A NEW 30 MAN ANTI-NARCOTICS UNIT TO COVER THE PORT ANO AIRPORT FACILITIES OF LIMA.

7. UNDER ITS AGREEMENT WITH THE USG, THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION CONTINUED TO CONDUCT A HEAVY SCHEDULE OF ANTI-NARCOTIC SEMINARS FOR TEACHERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS. RESPONSE HAS BEEN FAVORABLE AND IN SEVERAL INSTANCES LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE ASKEO FOR ADOITIONAL SEMINARS ANO WORKSHOPS. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOO, CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF LIMA BEGAN A PROJECT TO STUOY CONTEMPORARY ORUG USE IN LIMA WHICH IS EXPECTED TO DOCUMENT THE INCREASINGLY-HELO PUBLIC PERCEPTION THAT ILLEGAL DRUG USE, PARTICULARLY SMOKING OF COCA PASTE, IS A GROWING PROBLEM AMONG PERUVIAN YOUTH.

8 OFECOD - A NEW PROW/AG WAS SIGNED ON SEPTEMBER 29 WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL (OFECOD) TO ASSIST IN UPGRAOING AND EXPANDING ITS FACILITIES FOR STORING ANO DESTROYING CONFISCATED DRUGS AND IMPROVING ITS CAPACITY FOR COORDINATING GOP ACTIONS TO SUPPRESS ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING ANO ERAOICATE ILLEGAL COCA CROPS.

9. ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE - ON MAY 28, THE SUBOBLIGATION TERMINAL DATE OF THE PROW/AG WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WAS EXTENOEO TO MARCY 31, 1983. TO DATE WE HAVE WITNESSED NO SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TOWARD MEETING THE AGREEMENT'S OBJECTIVES OF REDUCING THE BACKLOG OF NARCOTICS CASES AND THE TIME REQUIRED TO RESOLVE INDIVIOUAL CASES.

10. PERUVIAN CUSTOMS - PERUVIAN CUSTOMS CONTINUES TO BE UNABLE TO PUT AVAILABLE PROW/AG FUNDS TO GOOD USE BECAUSE OF INTERNAL DIFFERENCES IN ITS LEADERSHIP.
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